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a.) Introductory Comments:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the non-final Office Action, mail dated June 14, 2005, applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments to the claims and reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of these amendments and applicant's remarks below.